

Special Interest Group

Early Education and Child Development

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AERA 2018
 April 13 – April 17
 New York, NY
 Proposals due
 July 24

Please submit proposals for the 2018 conference and urge colleagues to submit to the EE/CD SIG. The more proposals submitted to the SIG, the more conference slots we are allotted.

Also, if you volunteered to review proposals submitted to the SIG, thank you in advance for your help and please remember to respond to your reviewer invitation via the AERA website.

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Message from the Chair
 Nancy File, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Dear SIG members,

Does it seem too cliché to ask where summer is going? Perhaps one factor contributing to that sense of time racing by is that our AERA conference this year finished as all of us in academia were attempting to draw our semesters to a close. Lots of rushing to be done!

Thus, it is belatedly that I find myself reflecting on the 2017 conference. As usual, we had a packed and interesting set of EE/CD presentations to attend. Many thanks to Christine Wang and Anne Douglass for working their magic on forming a program from a diverse set of proposals!

Please continue to consider the EE/CD SIG as an outlet for your work. And let your friends and colleagues know about us if their work fits within our scope. Proposals for the 2018 conference will be due shortly, and we are set to again build a thought-provoking program. This year Anne Douglass will be joined by Aubrey Wang, and Debi Ackerman will be lending assistance as well.

The program co-chairs are an appointed role within the SIG. The practice that the board has set recently is to ask someone who stood for election to come on to the conference program group. In other words, we want to welcome as many people as possible who volunteered into leadership roles. At the board meeting we decided to expand the conference program group from two to four people (each person serves a two-year term, once as a newbie and then the next year as experienced, with terms rotating). The additional numbers were suggested by Christine and Anne because of the scope of work for our SIG, which is one of the largest. Debi volunteered to help this year while we move toward rotating two people per year into this role. Look for more information coming as we finalize processes to increase the number of people serving in these appointed roles.

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2017 BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting we were happy to give two awards – to Douglas Powell for the Distinguished Career Award (a real treat for me as the one presiding at the meeting since Doug has been a mentor to me since graduate school!), and to Christopher Wagner for the Dissertation Award. In addition, we awarded travel funds to several graduate students who were presenting within the SIG!

Our business meeting discussion was led by Amos Hatch, one of his last ‘acts’ before retirement. The theme was ‘reclaiming our profession.’ While Amos’s remarks were enough to provoke thought, a question from Becky New has stuck with me. She asked, what are we reclaiming? While we have much to think about in regard to assaults on education from without, we also have much to consider about who we are as a profession. I believe one thing strongly – who the EE/CD SIG is, is diverse, which creates a vibrancy in the field. It is clear from our program that EE/CD members are doing research from a range of paradigms and with myriad methods. Our program co-chairs are challenged to ensure that they have enough reviewers versed in both complex statistical analyses and deep ethnographies. I hope we continue to feel as a SIG that all forms of research are welcome and help to shed a light on the most important thing – the children at the heart of our work and the adults who educate and care for them.

At the Business Meeting I noted that our Secretary/Treasurer, Jennifer Vu, was at home with a beautiful new baby daughter. While I thought I didn’t have a report from her to review, yes, indeed, that report was in my email queue. Thanks very much to Jennifer for keeping up during her most sleep-deprived weeks! Her full report is included in this newsletter.

We hope to see you at the 2018 Business Meeting and Reception in New York City!

Nancy File, SIG Chair

Call for Early Education and Child Development SIG Executive Board Nominations

AERA EE/CD 2018-2019 Executive Board Call for Nominations

The EE/CD SIG Executive Board will have several openings next spring: Senior Member-at-Large, Junior Member-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer, Chair-Elect, and Graduate Student Representative.

Complete details about each position will be posted in the next newsletter.

If you have questions, are interested in running, or would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please contact Patricia Cooper at patricia.cooper@qc.cuny.edu by November 1, 2017.

Message from the Chair

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At our business meeting I offered thanks and acknowledgements to our board members rotating off of their roles. Everyone on the SIG board has an assigned responsibility, and it truly is a group process to keep things moving. So, many thanks to Peggy Apple, retiring as newsletter editor, Debi Ackerman, retiring as senior member-at-large, and Lucy Heimer, retiring as junior member-at-large. Every one of them as contributed above and beyond!

I am also pleased to announce new members on the board. If you were right on top of your email, you noticed that our voting process was quite late this year. Indeed, we found out the results of the election the week of the conference! And all of the new members showed up for our board meeting with only a few days' notice – thank you! Welcome to Monica Yudron, serving as newsletter editor, Jennifer Baumgartner, coming on board as senior member-at-large, and Kate Delaney, coming on as junior member-at-large. Also, a big welcome to Katy Chapman, who is serving in the inaugural term of our new position of graduate student representative. You will find complete contact information (and pictures!) for all of these folks on our webpage (managed by Christine Wang) and at the end of each newsletter.

The awards given by the SIG are a highlight of the business meeting (see more below), both for those who get them and for those of us celebrating our colleagues. Please continue to pay close attention to the calls for awards nominations. Think of a colleague to nominate! Ask someone to nominate you! Spread the word!

Finally, please remember to renew your membership with the SIG and encourage colleagues to renew or join. Our strength in membership numbers helps to determine our conference slots, in addition to the number of proposals received. As I catch my own breath this summer, I will be working with Katy Chapman to consider how to reach out to the 20% of our numbers who are graduate students.

You'll note that this newsletter is abbreviated. We have found that coordinating the many contributions required is a feat in the summer. Therefore, in this installment, you will find reports from this year's conference. In a second installment to come this fall, you will receive all of our announcements for the coming year. Watch for Part II!

We will continue to be in touch through our listserve (thanks to Melissa Sherfinski for managing!). In the meantime, enjoy some summer before it is gone. Thank you for being members of this SIG!

-Nancy



AERA Annual Meeting April 2018

EECD SIG Program Co-Chairs

Anne Douglass, Debra Ackerman, & Aubrey Wang

Proposals due July 24

Please submit proposals for the 2018 Annual Meeting and urge colleagues to submit to the EECD SIG. The more proposals submitted to the SIG, the more presentation slots we are allotted.

AERA Annual Meeting Website

<http://www.aera.net/Events-Meetings/Annual-Meeting/2018-Annual-Meeting-Theme>

Membership

Current EE/CD SIG membership count is 408 (as of April 25, 2017). The table below compares current membership figures with those reported in the last 3 years. See note below regarding lapsed members. While we have fewer members this year than in the previous three years, we do still have more members than we did in April 2013 (San Francisco meeting – 397 members at that point).

Membership Categories	July 2014 (Philadelphia)	April 2015 (Chicago)	April 2016 (DC)	April 2017 (San Antonio)
Current	465	428	434	408
New	103	94	94	87
Lapsed (All)*	282	334	331	358
Lapsed/still in AERA [†]	53	70	63	76

*The “Lapsed (All)” row reflects numbers reported by AERA and represents all lapsed members who let their SIG membership lapse in the previous 2 years (so, for the 2017 year, those who let their SIG membership expire 12/31/2015 and 12/31/2016). This includes people who are no longer in AERA.

[†]The “Lapsed/Still in AERA” row reflects people who have an active AERA membership but are no longer part of our SIG.

Budget Summary from 2014 to 2016

Last year, fewer awards were given, resulting in a higher ending balance at the end of the year.

Category	Description/Explanation	2016	2015	2014
	<i>Starting balance (January)</i>	\$6,184.02	\$6,398.52	\$8,132.82
Income	Membership dues	\$7,080.00	\$7,125.00	\$7,665.00
	Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$7,080.00	\$7,525.00	\$8,165.00
Expenses	Awards	(\$840.00)	(\$3,000.00)	(\$3,000.00)
	Plaques		(\$90.00)	
	SIG Officer travel			(\$2,800.00)
	Conference reception	(\$2,968.51)	(\$3,820.59)	(\$3,071.05)
	Meeting expenses		(\$528.91)	
	AERA Management Fee	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
	Web hosting/management			(\$142.50)
	Reimbursements			(\$585.75)
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$4,108.51)	(\$7,739.50)	(\$9,899.30)
	Ending balance (December)	\$9,155.51	\$6,184.02	\$6,398.52

Budget Summary for Current Year 2017

Below is the estimated budget for this year, based on the current member count of 408.

Category	Description/Explanation	Amount
	<i>Starting balance (January 1, 2017)</i>	<i>\$9,155.51</i>
Income	Membership dues (408 members at \$15 each)	\$6,120.00
	<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	<i>\$6,120.00</i>
Expenses	Awards (6 student travel awards at \$250 each; 1 outstanding dissertation award at \$500)	(\$2,000.00)
	Plaques (2 plaques at \$45 each [Outstanding Dissertation Award; Distinguished Contributions Award])	(\$90.00)
	Conference reception (estimated)	(\$2,585.66)
	Board Meeting expenses (estimated)	(\$970.00)
	AERA Management Fee	(\$300.00)
	Web hosting/management	(\$395.64)
	Reimbursements	
	<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	<i>(\$6,341.30)</i>
	Estimated remaining balance	\$8,934.21

Notes:

- Last year, due to having more money in our budget, we agreed to increase the number of student travel awards from two to six.
- The Early Career award was not awarded this year, thereby reducing our awards cost.
- Web-hosting costs cover the next three years (until 2020).
- We did not receive any co-sponsorships this year.
- By being cost sensitive, we've created more funds that can be used to support the EE/CD mission in following years.

This report is respectfully submitted by Jennifer Vu, Secretary/Treasurer, EE/CD SIG.

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